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Dear Mr. Lesar,

I have been able to confirm that indeed we did receive material on Yuri Nosenko as a result of our requests to the Central Intelligence Agency under the Freedom of Information Act. However, the specific material itself is not readily available. Under the terms of our agreement with Edward Epstein, that material passed into his possession. I understand that in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I believe at Harvard University, there is something called the Edward J. Epstein Collection. I have been told somewhat reliably that much of this material today is housed among the papers in that collection. I'm sorry to be so vague about this, but it simply appears that that material is in his possession and I cannot be sure what he did with it. As you know, Mr. Epstein is not and never was a member of our staff.

However, you may be assured that the CIA did release material to us on Nosenko. If they are now declining to do so, that seems rather remarkable. I will be interested to know how you resolve the matter. For what it's worth, I would guess that you would be welcome to look at the material in the Epstein Collection at Harvard, but I have not confirmed this with Mr. Epstein or with Harvard University.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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